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## Minutes 8/4/2010

Thompson School Building Committee Meeting  
 Wednesday, August 4, 2010  
 Arlington High School  
 Superintendent's Office – 6th Floor  
 7:00 pm

### Present:

Kathleen Bodie, Superintendent  
 Adam Chapdelaine, Deputy Town Manager  
 Sheri Donovan, Thompson School Principal  
 Tobey Jackson, Thompson School Parent Rep  
 Domenic Lanzillotti, Town of Arlington, Purchasing Agent  
 Suzanne Robinson, PTBC  
 Karen Tassone / Secretary  
 Jeff Thielman, School Committee Rep

Attendees: PMA Consultants, Kevin Nigro  
 HMFH Architects, George Metzger, Lori Cowles

Call to order: 7:05

### Report from August 3rd School Committee Meeting

Supt Bodie reported that the school committee discussed and voted approval of moving the early childhood center to the Thompson School. Kevin Nigro stated that the MSBA will require a certified copy of the minutes with the motion when they are approved.

### Study Process: Preliminary Options

HMFH Architects (Lori Cowles and George Metzger) presented five options for the Thompson project.

- Option 1 – renovation only- Lori explained that this is not a viable option since the existing school is not large enough to accommodate the educational needs.
- Options 2 a & b – option 2a the existing structure would remain and be renovated with seven separate additions needed to meet program requirements. Option 2b only the 2 story classroom wing remains with a third floor addition, plus one large addition needed to meet the program requirements.
- Option 3 – a new school would be constructed on the site while the majority of the existing school remains in operation. In order to accomplish this, the kindergarten, must and art wing would be demolished and would need to be accommodated elsewhere.
- Option 4 – would be new construction on the existing site designed to meet all of the program needs, sympathetic to the neighborhood, will optimize daylight and create south facing open space.
- Option 5 – is based on the agreement of a land swap with the Parks and Recreation department. The TSBC, OPM, Architects will work with Parks and Recreation to facilitate this. This option has not been drawn pending further discussion with Parks and Recreation.

After discussing all of the options the committee voted on options 2b, 4 and 5.

The committee discussed the issues surrounding the use of modulars, the location, costs (Kevin thought approximately 2 million), approval needed from parks and recreation and or the building inspector. Supt. Bodie and a subcommittee will move forward on studying student relocation and modulars.

#### Review and Approve Existing Conditions Plan

Lori Cowles and Kevin Nigro reviewed the Thompson School existing conditions report with Superintendent of Building Maintenance, Mark Miano who requested that the leaky skylights be added to the report. This will be the official existing conditions report.

#### Review and Approve Space Summary Plan

On a motion by Sheri Donovan and seconded by Domenic Lanzillotti it was unanimously Voted to accept the Space Summary Plan presented by HMFH Architects based on the 330 and 380 student enrollments as discussed and submitted to the MSBA.

#### Update on Park Land Swap

The Committee discussed the questions surrounding the land swap, specifically that the Parks and Recreation Commission have concerns about the size of the field if swapped and the fact that a 90' field could not be accommodated with the switch. It was agreed that Deputy Town Manager, Adam Chapdelaine, would request to be placed on the agenda at the next Parks and Recreation meeting. HMFH would be in attendance to present the Preliminary options along with Project Manager Kevin Nigro, Town Manager, Superintendent and other committee members to explain and/or answer any questions.

#### MSBA Update

Kevin Nigro updated the Committee on the MSBA's Module 3 Feasibility Student and next steps. Kevin explained that our plans need to be submitted to MSBA on October 1st in order to be placed on the MSBA the November 17th agenda

#### Vote of Invoices

On a motion by Jeff Thielman seconded by Domenic Lanzillotti it was unanimously Voted to approved HMFH invoice 996324 in the amount of \$6,750.00

On a motion by Jeff Thielman seconded by Domenic Lanzillotti it was unanimously Voted to approve PMA Consultants Invoice 03383-9 in the amount of \$1,973.00

#### Approval/Vote of Minutes

On a motion by Jeff Thielman seconded by Tobey Jackson it was unanimously Voted to approve the meeting minutes of July 14, 2010 as amended.

#### Next steps

Develop a list of criteria for selection parameters  
Create document showing reasons for discarding or considering other options  
Study impact of land/field swap on neighbors

Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 25th, location to be determined

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 pm

Submitted by  
Karen Tassone  
Recording Secretary